

The examiner has objected to the present reissue application as lacking the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent. A copy of the "Consent of Assignee," as filed with the reissue application, is attached. This document states that the applicant is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the subject patent, and properly identifies the reel and frame number for the recorded assignment. A copy of the recorded assignment is also attached. In view of the above, Applicant submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

The examiner has also requested that the applicant discuss how each of the newly added claims differs from the original patent claims to which they most resemble. Newly added claim 20 most resembles original claim 1. However, none of the remaining newly added claims 21, 22, or 23 most resembles any one particular original claim.

Regarding claim 20, this claim specifically differs from original claim 1 in at least the following respects:

- (i) claim 20 does not recite a "weaving machine," and does not state that the conditioning air stream is spaced from or directed towards any specific part of the textile machine;

- (ii) claim 20 does not state that the air stream is "downwardly directed;"
and

- (iii) claim 20 does not state that the displacement-type flow is towards any specific part of the textile machine.

New claim 21 differs from the original claims in at least the following respects:

(i) claim 21 does not recite a "weaving machine," as in the original claims, and does not state that the conditioning air stream is spaced from or directed towards any specific part of the textile machine;

(ii) claim 21 recites the steps of directing the conditioning air stream to an air distributor assembly, and moving the conditioning air stream through the air distributor assembly in stages defined by air distribution components;

(iii) claim 21 does not state that the displacement-type flow is "towards the threads of the warp," as in original claim 16.

(iv) claim 21 also does not recite "deflecting the displacement flow directed onto a back shed of the weaving machine and then guiding the displacement flow along the warp threads in a direction of a side of a warp beam of the weaving machine," as also recited in original claim 16.

(v) claim 21 recites "distributing the displacement-type flow outwardly from the air distributor assembly towards the textile machine."

New claims 22 and 23 specifically differ from the original claims in at least the following respects:

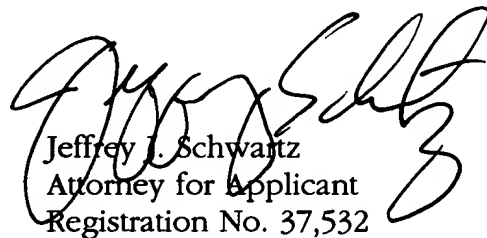
- (i) neither of claims 22 and 23 recites a "weaving machine";
- (ii) both of claims 22 and 23 recite an air inlet adapted for communicating with a source of conditioning air flow, and first and second spaced-apart air distribution components which cooperate to distribute the conditioned air flow to the textile machine in stages;

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(iii) none of the original claims recite this structure.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the case are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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